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Field Crops

Cotton planting continues throughout the State and is 85 percent complete, ahead of last year at 74 percent and ahead of the 5-year average of 68 percent. Arizona's alfalfa conditions remained in fair to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. The State's durum wheat condition was fair to mostly good and last week's barley ranged from fair to excellent condition, depending on location.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cabbage and potatoes last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cabbage, kale and seedless watermelons.

Range and Pasture

Winds and hot days around the State are drying out the moisture needed to sustain rangeland and pastures in the coming months. Pasture areas are in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	2	19	53	26
Range and Pasture	26	20	29	25	0

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	85	65	74	68

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending May 5, 2013, ranging from normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees recorded in Bullhead City. The lowest reading was 18 degrees at

the Grand Canyon. None of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Two of the 22 weather stations have received above normal precipitation to date in 2013. Nine of the 22 stations have received less than 50 percent of normal precipitation.

Alert! The window to respond to the Census of Agriculture is almost closed!

There are only a few weeks left to complete and return the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Because time is running out, NASS may contact you or farmers in your area by phone or in person to collect information for the Census. ***Help ensure you and your industry have the most complete set of agricultural statistics available for your country and county.*** For more information or for help filling out your Census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (888) 424-7828.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
April 29, 2013 - May 5, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	72	6	97	51	0.00	1.74	-2.14	45
Buckeye	76	4	101	54	0.00	1.98	-0.47	81
Bullhead City	81	5	107	51	0.00	0.77	-2.27	25
Canyon De Chelly	57	2	85	24	0.00	1.73	-0.95	65
Coolidge	74	4	99	51	0.00	2.82	-0.27	91
Douglas	68	6	91	46	0.00	1.08	-0.83	57
Flagstaff	51	6	77	24	0.00	5.00	-3.33	60
Grand Canyon	49	7	81	18	0.00	0.68	-7.62	8
Kingman	70	9	94	43	0.00	1.18	-2.34	34
Maricopa	78	6	102	55	0.00	2.05	-0.70	75
Paloma	75	3	101	55	0.00	1.36	-1.32	51
Parker	74	0	98	47	0.00	0.71	-1.37	34
Payson	60	5	83	37	0.00	7.28	-0.19	97
Phoenix	84	10	102	68	0.00	2.61	0.16	107
Prescott	63	10	86	34	0.00	2.48	-3.32	43
Roll	74	2	100	49	0.00	0.42	-0.54	44
Safford	73	8	95	48	0.00	0.58	-1.53	27
St. Johns	59	4	84	28	0.00	1.45	-1.22	54
Tucson	78	9	97	59	0.00	1.74	-0.90	66
Willcox	68	7	92	45	0.00	0.82	-1.72	32
Winslow	62	5	89	31	0.00	1.80	-0.03	98
Yuma	83	8	103	65	0.00	1.11	0.15	116
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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